

ENGINE KILLS TWO AND MAIMS THREE.

Car Cleaners, on Their Way to
Work, Run Down Near
Mott Haven.

The Accident Happened in the "Cut,"
and the Victims Were Tossed
Like Chips.

A "LIGHT" LOCOMOTIVE CAUSED IT.

Four Women and One Man Struck—Two
of the Former Killed Outright.
A Plight Scene—Engineer
Couldn't Stop.

Four women and one man employed as
car cleaners while walking with other
workmen on the track through the cut at
One Hundred and Forty-third street and
Park avenue, about seven o'clock yesterday
morning, were run down without warning
by a light engine of the Harlem division.

One of the women was instantly killed.
The other died a few minutes later. Their
two female companions are not expected to
survive. The man, though severely in-
jured, will probably recover.

The spot where the accident occurred is
a short distance from the Mott Haven
Depot. The workmen were employees of
the New York Central, the Wagner Palace
Car Company and the New York, New

rate of twenty-five miles an hour. The
light engine was in charge of Engineer
Charles P. Birr and Fireman Frank
Stevens, and was bound for the company's
yards at One Hundred and Sixtieth street
to bring back a train to the Grand Central
Depot.

Neither Birr nor Stevens saw the car
cleaners, they said, until the engine was
within a few feet of them. The engine
was running at full speed, and the
engineer, who was looking back at the
train, did not see the car cleaners until
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The wheels passed over one of the
women, who was not seen until she was
tossed into the air. She was killed
instantly. The other woman was killed
a few minutes later. The two female
companions are not expected to survive.
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probably recover.

WOUNDED CARPENTER.
The wounds of the others were temporary-
ly dressed, and they were placed in the
baggage car of a southbound local train
which had been flagged, and were taken
to Mott Haven Station. Another ambulance
had been called by Roundsman Langdon
and the injured were hurried to Harlem
Hospital.

Birr, on stopping his engine, ran back to
the scene of the accident, and after a few
moments reversed and ran swiftly to the
roundhouse.

John Kennedy, another cleaner, in telling
his story of the accident, said: "I did not
see the engine until it was too late to
stop. I was running at full speed, and
the engineer, who was looking back at
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M'LAUGHLIN'S TURN NOW.

Through His Counsel, Colonel James, He
Investigates Against the Conditions
That Attended His Trial.

Colonel Edward C. James argued for fifty
minutes in the Appellate Division of the
Supreme Court, before Chief Justice Van
Buren and his colleagues, yesterday after-
noon in an appeal of his client, ex-Judge
W. W. McLaughlin, from the decision of
Justice Ingraham, refusing a change of
venue in his second trial on the charge of
extortion. McLaughlin was convicted be-
fore Justice Barrett on complaint of F. W.
Seagrist, a builder, after a previous jury
had disagreed, on May 11. An appeal from
this conviction is now pending. Colonel
James made an arduous attempt to have
both appeals heard at the same time, but
was unsuccessful.

In opening his argument yesterday Col-
onel James said: "As early as the year
1892 accusations were made by a certain
section against individuals of the Police
Department. The result was the formation
of the Senatorial Lexow committee. That
committee conducted an extensive examina-
tion. It obtained testimony of a sensa-
tional character, which was published in
ten thousand places in the country. It took
on such a form as to make the basis for
political campaigns. I mean that the
individual who had conducted the examina-
tion of those persons brought as witnesses
before the committee."

REMARKABLE PROCEEDINGS.
"After January 1 of the succeeding year
an extraordinary Grand Jury was impan-
nelled, which sat through January, February
and March, and an indictment on five
counts was found against the defendant
in this action."

"The jury disagreed on May 11, and then
followed the most remarkable pro-
ceedings ever witnessed in any court in
this country. The members of the jury
were arraigned, the minority accusing the
majority of being afraid to abide by their
oaths and to vote in a conscientious man-
ner. On May 20, under protest from the
defendant, he was subjected to a new trial.
The press and even the pulpit was made
the platform of criticism of the jury. What
wonder, then, if the defendant appeals for
a change in locality in order to rid himself
of illegal criticism and to get a fair and
impartial trial?"

When Birr was questioned concerning the
accident he said it was no fault of his. He
never dreamed of any one being on the
track, as it was against the company's rule
and he never saw the car cleaners until the
engine was upon him. He had been con-
cerned in two other wrecks, but they were
of minor character.

Fireman Stevens, of No. 812 East One
Hundred and Forty-second street, said
that there was a light on the engine, tend-
er and that they used every precaution.
"We were running at a high rate of
speed," said he, "because we had to make
the roundhouse with only a few minutes
which was but two minutes behind us."
The body of Mrs. Mahon was removed to
her home in the afternoon. Her rela-
tives stated that she had been in four
wrecks in which many lives had been lost,
but she had always escaped injury.

Mrs. Becker's body was claimed by her
son, Edward, late in the afternoon.
Policeman John McDonald, of the Sanitary
Bureau, who was on the train which took
the wounded to the Mott Haven Depot and
assisted in ordering them, stated that he
was ready to submit to arrest whenever
wanted. The officials at the Grand Central
Depot, with the facts in the case, were
very anxious to get the train out of the
depot as soon as possible.

ONE REAL ESTATE AUCTION.

A \$61,000 Foreclosure the Only Incident
of a Dull Market.

The auction market was dull yesterday.
The only sale held was by R. V. Harnett
& Co., in foreclosure proceedings, of Nos.
602 and 604 Second avenue, two five-story
brick tenements, with four-story tenement
in the rear, lots respectively, 24.84x122.4x
25x138.64, and 24.84x138.64x25x137.4,
Dexter, for \$61,000.

At private contract Mandelbaum & Lew-
ine have purchased No. 2 Crosby street, a
five-story tenement, for \$24,000.

ERLE BLAMED FOR LOCKWOOD'S DEATH.

Coroner Fitzpatrick held an inquest yester-
day on the body of John S. Lockwood, the
Wall Street broker who was drowned on
December 28 while trying to board the
Erie ferryboat Susquehanna at Chambers
street. The jury returned a verdict censur-
ing the Erie for negligence in failing to
place safeguards at the dangerous en-
trance, Juror Herman Seelig gave a sepa-
rate verdict, using the words "criminal ne-
gligence."

GERMAN EMPIRE FETES.

Big Patriotic Festival in this City to Cele-
brate the Founding of the
Close Union.

All German speaking residents of this
city and its vicinity are preparing to cele-
brate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
founding of the German Empire. The cele-
bration will take place to-day, and will
be hearty and complete.

It was in Versailles, on January 18, 1871,
that William I. was proclaimed and
crowned first German Emperor. That
event, marking the birth of the German Em-
pire, is the greatest of modern German his-
tory, and the anniversary of its founding
will be celebrated in regal style at
Berlin to-day.

Here in New York a series of festivities
has been arranged for and for the time
being German will supplant Columbia in
the enthusiasm and exuberance of German-
American citizens. The list of festivities
includes banquets and concerts, special per-
formances and singing feasts, and outdoor
festivals, and a series of public entertain-
ments which will culminate in a great
festival at Carnegie Hall this evening.

A great musical festival is to take place
at Carnegie Hall this evening. This is
being arranged by the German-American
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THE JUDGE RESERVED DECISION CONCERNING
A WIDOW'S SOLE PROPERTY.

Mrs. Mary Burke, a middle-aged widow,
keeps "a lively stable" on Herkimer street,
Brooklyn. The establishment consists of a
horse and a coupe, which a relative drives
for her. She ran up a feed bill of \$100 and
the dealer sued her for the money. The
case came before Judge Gaynor yesterday.
"I owe the money, Judge," she said, "but
it's hard to lose the little property I have."
"Take the stand," said Judge Gaynor,
"and answer such questions as the lawyer
may ask."

"But, God bless ye, Judge, what can a
poor, lone woman say?" she asked.
"Simply tell the truth," replied the Judge.
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TRUST IN ANTHRACITE.

An Ironclad Agreement Be-
tween the Coal Carrying
Roads Contemplated.

Meeting Called by the Presidents
Next Thursday to Ar-
range Details.

J. P. MORGAN & CO. FAVOR THE PLAN.

An Association Like That of the Trunk
Lines Proposed, with Fixed Per-
centage of Production for Each
Railroad.

A movement is underway for the forma-
tion of an anthracite coal trust on the lines
of the recently organized railway trust
known as the Joint Traffic Association. A
call for a meeting of the anthracite coal
companies, signed by Presidents Samuel
Sloan, of the Lackawanna; J. Rogers Max-
well, of the Jersey Central; and E. P. Wil-
son, of the Lehigh Valley railroads, was
yesterday sent out to the presidents of the
various companies.

The meeting is called for next Thursday,
and each president is requested to bring
with him the statistics of his road's coal
tonnage for 1895, as prepared by William W.
Tuley. The object of the meeting is to re-
strict the coal production, which is averag-
ing about 3,000,000 tons monthly, when the
needs of the market at present do not ex-
ceed 3,500,000 tons. The side tracks are
now filled with coal-laden cars, waiting for
a market.

President Sloan, of the Lackawanna Rail-
road, said yesterday that the meeting had
been called as usual at this time of the
year to consider the condition of the coal
trade. As the condition of the coal trade
is unusual, extra action may be ex-
pected at this meeting.

PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO COMBINE.
An effort was made at the midwinter
meeting of 1895 to establish an ironclad
combination of the coal roads, but it failed.
The companies, through their coal-sales
agents, now theoretically allot a percent-
age of the production to each company, but
no attention has ever been paid to this
statement.

The scheme proposed last year was to
appoint a central selling agency, each com-
pany to share in the proceeds of the sales
according to its fixed percentage, but Presi-
dent Sloan, of the Lackawanna, refused to
go into the scheme. His reason, it is said,
was because the other roads would not
give him the proportion of 21 per cent that
he demanded. The scheme was dropped,
and the coal trade has been demoralized
since.

The Reading Railroad is now undergoing
reorganization under the auspices of J. P.
Morgan & Co., and as 90 per cent of the
securities have already been deposited un-
der the plan, the success of the organiza-
tion is assured, unless the minority security
holders resort to litigation to prevent the
successful consummation of the plan. The
company will consequently be taken from
the hands of receivers within six months.

FAVORED BY MORGAN & CO.

J. P. Morgan & Co. favor an ironclad
agreement between the coal roads. The
central selling agency has been tried and
operated successfully by the bituminous coal
carrying companies of Ohio. It is not un-
likely, however, that the agreement between
the anthracite coalers will follow closely
the plan of the bituminous combination.
It will be built up on the lines of the Joint
Traffic Association, which the counsel of
thirty-two railroads have decided to be
with the letter of the State and Federal
statutes.

It is understood that the preliminary
work upon this new coal combine will be
done at the meeting next Thursday, and
that the meeting will be held at the New
York Hotel. The success of the organiza-
tion is assured, unless the minority security
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ARE THEY FILIBUSTERS?

Report That a New Expedition, with Na-
tional Guardsmen, Is Forming in
Brooklyn to Go to Cuba.

Reports have been circulated for the last
few days that the Cubans were organizing
a filibustering expedition in Brooklyn to
consist partly of members of the Twenty-
third and the Forty-seventh regiments of
the New York National Guard. Until yester-
day these rumors were so vague that little
attention was paid to them, but it now
appears that the Spanish filibusters have
not only been informed on the subject, but
have taken action to thwart the con-
templated expedition.

Several men called during the week at
Cuban headquarters, at No. 66 Broadway,
and said they desired to join the expedi-
tion, but, recognizing among them a de-
fective employed by the Spanish consul,
the applicants were told that the Junta
were not recruiting men, and that if an ex-
pedition was being organized the promoters
were acting on their own responsibility.

While the above facts were made public
yesterday something occurred in the pri-
vate room of the Cuban League, which
gives considerable color to the reports
regarding a contemplated expedition. A
Cuban was seen in the room who was
once a confidant of Martí, the father of
the revolution. He became very indignant
that any details should have been given
to the press and vehemently scolded Mr.
Smith, the press agent, for doing so.

The headquarters of the Junta were
excited over the report from Wash-
ington that Secretary of State Olney was
soon going to submit a plan to Congress to
send the Cubans to the United States from
Spain, and, falling that, to practically
recognize them as belligerents.

The additional report that Campos was
going to resign and that in all probability
he would be replaced by General Camillo
Polavieja, was also taken into considera-
tion of the beginning of the end by the
Cubans. Even the Spaniards seem yester-
day seemed to have little hope.

REFUSED TO HONOR GEN. LEE.

The Virginia Legislature Declines to Ad-
journ on His Birthday.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—The Virginia
House of Delegates to-day refused, by a
vote of 55 to 30, to adjourn on Monday,
the anniversary of the birth of General
Robert E. Lee. Sunday is the General's
birthday, but Monday is the day he will
be honored.

Those who opposed the resolution for
adjourning took the ground that the actual
day could be observed without the celebra-
tion of the anniversary of the General's
birth on the stump this year for this mistake.
Miss Mildred, the oldest daughter of Gen-
eral Lee, is in the city.

NEW PORTRAIT OF THE ALDERMANIC
CHAMBER.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday re-
ceived a life-sized crayon portrait of the
late William S. Seward, former President of
the Board, who lost his life in a run-
away in Central Park in 1885. The por-
trait was presented by Major George W.
Seward, an uncle of the deceased, and will
be hung in the Aldermanic chamber.

A PIECE OF MUSIC FREE.

A piece of full-size sheet music, the covers
lithographed in colors, such as you
would usually pay 50 cents for, will be
given away free to-morrow to your four-
th neighbor. It will be the "Parkway
Band," by Harry S. Miller, the author of
"The Cat Came Back." If you like a good
piece of bright, cheerful music, order your
Sunday Journal to-day.

EATS OATS LIKE A HORSE.

Anna Perkins Neglected to Lay Up a Few
Bushels for a Rainy Day, and
Is Now Very Sick.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 17.—Anna Perkins, an
eccentric female character in this city, of
advanced years and yet sprightly enough
to sell evening papers, is lying sick in her
rooms in the Bradley block, on Ontario
street.

The invalid is a pronounced "new wom-
an" character, taking part in many of the
so-called reform movements. She often
lectures and has appeared on the public
platform within the past two months.
Anna Perkins's neighbors say that she has
been most persistent in refusing assistance
from them. She is a vegetarian of the
most pronounced type.

Her chief diet is oats, and she will not
eat anything that has been cooked. She
also has an antipathy for doctors and has
not seen a physician. She drinks neither
tea nor coffee, but finds hot water more to
her liking.

"Yes, I have been ill," Anna Perkins
said, "but I did not intend that anybody
should know it. No person would either
if I only had the precaution to have a few
pounds of oats in the house to eat. I have
written a book entitled, 'A Strange Editor,'
but I have not put it on the market, as I
did not have the money to advertise it.
Business was very poor with me last Sum-
mer and I did not make much."

For eight years Anna Perkins has sold
papers on the corner of the public square.
Of late she has been residing from her ac-
customed place. She was found to-day.
Her cheerless room contains a small stove
and a bed, a trundle bed, a box and chair,
and the picture of a child graces the wall.
It is probable the authorities will take care
of the woman.

HYPNOTIZED BY A JANITOR.

The Pretty West Indian Girl Could Not
Resist His Influence.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 17.—Charles
Davis, twenty-six years old, and janitor
for a Yale secret society, at No. 88 Wall
street, is in trouble of a peculiar nature.
His accused is Gwendolyn Lyder. This girl
says that Davis has a strange influence over
her. Of late she has been stopping with
Davis's wife, at her house. She says that
some three months ago Davis hypnotized
her by mesmeristic passes, made in the
presence of his wife. Although conscious of his
acts, she claims she was powerless to resist.
She made no disturbance at the time, but
matter until recently, when she made the
complaint which has led to Davis's arrest.

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Three years ago Gwendolyn Lyder lived on
St. Kitt's Island, in the West Indies. Mrs.
D. Dayton, wife of Senator Dayton, was